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**Britco to build Olympic and Paralympic lodge and townhouse accommodation at Whistler Athletes' Centre and joins Vancouver 2010 as Official Supplier**

**LANGLEY, British Columbia** - Britco Structures has been awarded a contract by the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) to design and build accommodations for the Whistler Athletes' Centre, a significant component of the Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Village and home to athletes competing in events at Whistler Olympic Park, The Whistler Sliding Centre and Whistler Creekside. It will also be a legacy training facility for Canadian athletes long after the 2010 Winter Games.

Under the terms of the contract, Britco will design and build a 100-room lodge and a 20-unit townhouse complex, both to be permanently located in the Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Village, a development being undertaken by the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) in collaboration with VANOC. Britco will also supply temporary rooms to accommodate up to 690 team officials staying in the Whistler Athletes' Centre.

The contract's estimated value is approximately \$32 million and the projects will provide upwards of 200,000 labour hours of work for Britco's employees at their two BC plants in Agassiz and Penticton along with Britco's workers in the Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Village.

The lodge and townhouse complex are both scheduled for completion one year in advance of the opening of the 2010 Winter Games. After the Games, the lodge and the townhouse complex will be an accommodation legacy for athletes in training.

In addition to the Whistler Athletes' Centre contract, Britco has also joined the VANOC sponsor family as an Official Supplier of modular structures products and services for the 2010 Winter Games. Their financial contribution also provides Britco with the sponsorship rights for the Canadian Olympic teams participating at the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing, the 2010 Winter Games and London 2012.

"We want the world's best athletes to feel that the Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Village is their home away home. A positive experience in the Village will help them prepare for the rigours and excitement of competition," said John Furlong, VANOC's Chief Executive Officer. "We are pleased to have Britco on our team to provide a key element in the athlete experience in 2010 and to incorporate their innovative and quality design into the Village, which will be an important legacy for athlete training after the Games."

"Everyone at Britco is very excited to be part of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games. Britco's modular manufacturing approach to building construction incorporates sustainable and environmentally-friendly construction techniques and we are proud that this will help VANOC build a sustainable legacy well beyond 2010," said Rick McClymont, Managing Partner and co-founder of Britco.

The announcement was made at Britco's Langley head office and included the participation of students from Langley Montessori, a school designed and built by Britco in 2007. Other special guests and dignitaries included Gary Cormack, gold medalist on the Canadian Paralympic Curling Team at the Torino 2006 Winter Games; the Honourable Rich Coleman, MLA, Minister of Forests and Range; Kurt Alberts, Mayor of Township of Langley; Peter Fassbender, Mayor of the City of Langley; Dianne Watts, Mayor of the City of Surrey, and David Esworthy, Chair of the Langley Spirit of BC Community Committee.

## **About Britco**

With over 300 employees and manufacturing facilities in Agassiz and Penticton, Britco is a top-ten BC-based construction-related company. Britco's lease fleet of office complexes, construction site buildings and storage containers is the largest in BC.

Britco was founded by Rick McClymont and David Taft in 1977 and was recently honoured for outstanding achievement at the *Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year*® 2007 awards for best manufacturing company in the Pacific region. In 2006, Britco's success internationally was recognized when it was selected as one of BC's top exporters at the BC Export Awards.

Britco designs and manufactures a wide variety of building types, including workforce accommodations for remote locations, office complexes, school classrooms, and custom-designed buildings including daycares and sales centres.

## **About VANOC**

VANOC is responsible for the planning, organizing, financing and staging of the XXI Olympic Winter Games and the X Paralympic Winter Games in 2010. The 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be staged in Vancouver and Whistler from February 12 to 28, 2010. Vancouver and Whistler will host the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games from March 12 to 21, 2010.

VANOC's marketing program is focused on securing mutually rewarding partnerships with shared values to generate sufficient revenue to host successful Winter Games in 2010 and to leave a financial legacy for sport. VANOC's Worldwide TOP Partners include Coca-Cola, Atos Origin, GE, McDonald's, Omega, Panasonic, Samsung and Visa. VANOC's National Partners are Bell Canada, Hbc, RBC Financial Group, GM Canada, Petro-Canada, and RONA.

VANOC's Official Supporters include Air Canada, the British Columbia Lottery Corporation, Canadian Pacific, the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Jet Set Sports, Ricoh Canada Inc., the Royal Canadian Mint, and Teck Cominco Limited. VANOC's Official Suppliers are 3M, Birks, Dow Canada, EPCOR, Haworth Canada, Nortel, Sun Microsystems of Canada, TransCanada, Vincor Canada, Weston Bakeries and Workopolis.

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